



## HAPPENING NOW

- **GodSpeed**, 7:30 a.m. February 4.
- **Habitat for Humanity Build**, 8 a.m. February 4.
- **Yarn Angels** after the 11 a.m. service February 5.
- **Confirmation and FX3**, 12:30 p.m., February 5.
- **First Communion** 9:30 a.m. service, February 5.
- **God's Party. Our Party!** 6:30 p.m., February 8.
- **God's Little Achers**, 7:30 p.m., February 10.
- **Needlework Friends**, 11 a.m., February 11.
- **Empty Nesters Cruise**, February 11.
- **New Members Join** February 12.
- **Chili Cook Off** February 12.
- **Congregational Meeting**, February 12.
- **Sing into Spring**, 6 p.m., February 15.

Empty Nesters  
Super Bowl Party,  
CANCELLED.

## Lent 2012

“God’s Story. Our Story.” continues during Lent, Holy Week and Easter as our study of Mark’s Gospel leads us to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. In addition to the Mark narrative, we will be considering some of the major characters of the story during our Wednesday worship services. Those services will be at noon and 7:30p.m. beginning on **Ash Wednesday, February 22**. The themes and characters for Wednesdays of Lent are:

Wednesday, February 22  
Holy Communion with  
Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, February 29  
Peter

Wednesday, March 7  
Caiaphas and Pilate



Wednesday, March 14  
Mary Magdalene

Wednesday, March 21  
Judas

Wednesday, March 28  
Mary, the mother of Jesus

As is our tradition we encourage members, committees and organizations to unplug for Lent from as many distractions as possible to give priority attention to scripture and worship. We seek to schedule as few

business or fellowship opportunities as possible because of the increased opportunities for worship and Bible Conversation.

During Lent, two of our Bible Conversation Groups will read “Making Sense of the Cross” by David Lose. Join Pastor Justin Tuesdays at 7 p.m. or Pastor Paul Thursdays at 10 a.m. At our 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening Suppers, we will also be viewing brief video presentations by Dr. Lose based on the book. If you would like a copy of “Making Sense of the Cross” please sign the book order form at Sign Up Central. Cost is \$12.

For details, visit  
[gslutheran.org](http://gslutheran.org).

## Called Congregational Meeting

The Congregation Council of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, has called a meeting of the congregation for **Sunday, February 12** following the 11 a.m. worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to address proposed amendments to the Good Shepherd Constitution.

The first group of amendments more clearly specifies the

current practices of the congregation in our By-Laws and Continuing Resolutions. The second group of amendments provides the option for the Congregation Council to elect or appoint the Treasurer and Financial Secretary of the Council/ Congregation. The third group of amendments reflects actions of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly.

The Council has moved all of these amendments be voted on together. The documents to be considered are available on our website and in hard copy at the church. Please make every effort to attend this meeting so that a quorum may accomplish this necessary business.



## Heartburn Chili Cook Off

Yes, it's time! The youth of Good Shepherd are challenging you to enter a pot of your best chili in the 2nd Annual Valentine's Day Heart Burn Chili Cook-Off. All members of Good Shepherd are invited to compete in

two epic battles of kitchen skill on **Sunday, February 12**. The first prize will be awarded to the best-tasting chili. A second prize will be awarded to the chili with the most creative name so be sure your chili is named well before you fill out the entry form. This form must be completed and turned in

to Pastor Justin before **February 5** to compete.

With all this chili around we'll need plenty of people to eat it. Join us after the congregational meeting for a wonderful chili lunch with a free-will donation going to support the youth ministry.



## Thank you!

- All who served on the Congregation Council in 2011. Special thanks to Meredith Bauer, Richard Oleson, and Mary McCoy, whose terms ended.
- All who served as committee co-chairs or committee members in 2011.
- All who assisted in any way with the MUST Thanksgiving food collection and distribution.
- Those who assisted with the Advent Soup and Salad Suppers.
- All who assisted in any way with the Shoebox ministry for Lutheran Services of Georgia.
- Those who helped decorate the church for Advent and Christmas.
- All who have supported the Youth fundraising efforts.
- Everyone who assisted with and participated in the Advent and Christmas services.

With deep and abiding gratitude to all the saints at Good Shepherd, we thank you for your very generous Christmas gifts which we received in December. As we have been living together in *God's Story. Our Story.*, this is, for us, another

reminder of the way in which we continue to bless one another as we do God's work with our hands. It is our privilege and joy to serve along side you as a community and instrument of God's grace for all sheep o f t h e G o o d

Shepherd! Again, thank you. May God bless you and this community in Christ as we do ministry together in 2012.

In Christ,  
Good Shepherd Lutheran  
Church Staff

## Council Highlights

### December 2011

- Approved three constitutional changes to be presented to the congregation at the Congregation Meeting on February 12, 2012.
- Ratified a donation to Lutheran Services of Georgia.
- Approved the formation of a Vision & Identity Task Force.
- Approved removal from the church rolls of members with no record of

attendance or contribution in at least two consecutive years.

- Approved Housing Allowance Resolutions for Pr. Paul and Pr. Justin in accordance with IRS guidelines.
- To be in accordance with ELCA standards, approved the purchase of a fireproof safe for keeping membership records.
- Recommended committee co-chairs.
- Elected officers for 2012:

President Holly Jones, Vice President Paul Christensen, Treasurer Chuck Halhofer, Financial Secretary Geoff Morton, Secretary Mary Tucker.

- Selected council liaisons for each committee.

### January 2012

- Approved the appointment of Sandy Cerstvik to the Mutual Ministry Committee.
- Approved Mary McCoy as Assistant Treasurer.

Check out the ELCA Southeastern Synod Council Reflection written by our own Associate in Ministry, Michelle Angalet, at our website [gslutheran.org](http://gslutheran.org)!



# Lenten Suppers

Wednesday evening Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers take place **February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 21 and 28.**

The meal is served from 6-7 p.m. Different committees host the suppers. If you are on one of the committees below, indicate on the sign up sheet (at Sign-Up Central) that you will bring soup on your committee's

date. Everyone else is asked to bring a salad or simple side dish. Rolls, crackers, and beverages are provided.

### HOST GROUPS:

- February 22  
Youth provides all food as a fundraiser — freewill offering
- February 29  
Youth provides all food as a fundraiser — freewill offering

- March 7  
Christian Ed, Community Outreach
- March 14  
Facilities/Maintenance, Fellowship
- March 21  
Finance, Mutual Ministry, Personnel
- March 28  
Stewardship, Worship & Music



Year to Date (Jan. 25)  
Budgeted Expenses  
\$49,325.79  
Income  
\$50,255.00

## God's Party. Our Party.

Just as the Holy Spirit brings us together and unites all the churches from today and all the churches in the past, the confirmation group wants to bring everyone together to a God's Party, Our Party. This event for all ages takes place on **Wednesday, February 8** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall. We will have fun games to play for all ages.

As a way to support MUST Ministries, admission to the party is one food item per person to support the MUST shopping cart. There will also be a no cost raffle. Just come and you are entered to win. You can win a basket filled with an assortment of gift cards and activities worth almost \$230.

During the God's Party, Our Party event, Confirmation

students offer fresh baked goods at a bake sale supporting the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

Please be sure you invite your family and friends. They do not have to be members! Just as Jesus invited everyone to his house, we want to invite everyone to God's Party, Our Party. Please share a fun filled night at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

## Empty Nesters

The Super Bowl Party planned for Sunday February 5 has been cancelled.

A seven day Caribbean Cruise is planned for Empty Nesters on the Grand Princess. The cruise departs Saturday, **February 11** from Florida. If you wish to join the Empty Nesters on this Winter Cruise, call Mary Murphy.

## GodSpeed

Join fellow Good Shepherd members **Saturday, February 4** for the Etowah Soccer Wonderful Winter 5K. Participants are responsible for their own registration/fees, ([www.etowahsoccer.com/](http://www.etowahsoccer.com/)) for information; but please let us know if you are participating by signing up at Sign Up Central.

We will meet at **7:30 AM** on the EHS track. If you have any questions, contact Mary or Chuck McCoy.

## God's Little Achers

GLA plans to attend "Brigadoon" at the Elm Street Cultural Arts Center on Friday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$12. Sign up at "Sign Up Central." See Reba Sumner for details.

## "Notes" from the Choir...

The Jubilate Ringers is seeking fresh talent. If your child is grade 4 or up, and has some music-reading experience, then we need you. Rehearsals are currently on Wednesdays nights at 5:30pm. Come and be a part of this unique handbell experience! See Thomas Eisnor for details.

### "Sing Into Spring!"

The GSLC chancel choir is delighted to announce an open house on Wednesday, February 15 at 6 p.m. This will be an evening of fellowship and music including dinner, rehearsal, and a hymn-sing. This event is open to any interested singer regardless of experience. The cost is free, and we hope you can join us for this unique event.

## HAPPENING LATER

- Confirmation and FX3, 12:30 p.m., **February 19.**
- Making Sense of the Cross Conversation begins 7 p.m., **February 21.**
- Ash Wednesday Services Noon and 7:30 p.m., **February 22.**
- Lenten Supper, Youth Fundraiser, 6:30 p.m., **February 22.**
- Thrivent Charitable Giving Seminar 12:30 p.m., **February 26.**
- CPR Training, 2:30 p.m., **February 26.**
- Lenten Services Noon and 7:30 p.m., **February 29.**
- Lenten Supper, Youth Fundraiser, 6:30 p.m., **February 29.**

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names. In the church it is also referred to as Scripture and God's Holy Word. ELCA Lutherans also refer to the Bible as our "Book of Faith." At Good Shepherd, engagement with our Book of Faith is a vital part of our daily life as it helps to nurture our faith and points us to the lives we are called to live as Christians. As Lutherans, we believe that studying the Bible is most faithfully done in community. Having conversation with others about what we hear and see when we read the Bible helps us to hear and understand

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8 A.M. TRADITIONAL

9:30 A.M. PRAISE

11 A.M. TRADITIONAL

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES AT 9:30 AND 11 A.M.

We're on the Web!  
[gslutheran.org](http://gslutheran.org)

## Open the Bible

The Bible is known by many

it more completely. In our Bible conversations we read Scripture together, ask lots of questions, read and listen to what Bible scholars and teachers can bring to the conversation, and we listen to one another. We may end up with more questions than we have answers, but we are OK with that.

Know that you are welcome to join any of our current discussions!

Biology and Beliefs  
9:30 a.m., Sunday

Adult Bible Study  
11 a.m. Sunday

And Other Faith Stories  
7 p.m. Sunday

Crossways  
9:30 a.m., Mondays

Ladies Lunch and Learn –  
Lectio Divina  
Noon, Tuesdays

Making Sense of the Cross  
begins Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.

Word on Wednesday  
9:30 a.m.

Current Events  
7 p.m., Wednesdays

God's Story. Our Story.  
10 a.m. Thursdays

The Greatest Story  
11 a.m. Saturdays



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